

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A Z-type fastener comprising:

a base extension tab;

~~a fastening aperture engaging portion;~~

an extension block that extends in a lateral direction opposite that of the base extension tab, wherein said extension block includes a bore configured to accept an elongated part of a securing bolt; and

a fastening aperture engaging portion facing in the direction in which the extension block extends,

wherein when said Z-type fastener is engaged with a first assembly element by inserting said Z-type fastener into and through a fastening aperture of the first assembly element, the base extension tab is configured to contact an interior wall of the first assembly element, whereas the extension block is configured to contact an exterior wall of the first assembly element, and the fastening aperture engaging portion is configured to contact the first assembly element in the side plane of a fastening aperture.

2. (Currently Amended) The fastener of claim 1, wherein the base extension tab is configured with a contour complementary to the ~~fastening aperture~~ interior contour of said first assembly element.

3. (Currently Amended) The fastener of claim 1, wherein the extension block ~~base extension tab~~ is configured with a contour ~~different from fastening aperture contour~~ complementary to the exterior contour of said first assembly element.

4. (Original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein the elements of the fastener are formed as a single element.

5. (Withdrawn) The fastener of claim 1, wherein the base extension tab is a removable element configured to be secured to an extension of the fastening aperture engaging portion.

6. (Withdrawn) The fastener of claim 1, wherein the base extension tab is configured to contact the interior wall of the first assembly element directly beneath the exterior wall where the extension block is configured to contact the exterior wall of the first assembly element.

7. (Original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein the base extension tab and the extension block are configured to apply structural support to the interior and the exterior wall respectively, on opposing sides of the fastening aperture in the first assembly element.

8. (Withdrawn) The fastener in claim 7, wherein the fastening aperture engaging portion is configured to apply structural support in the plane of the wall of the first assembly element on the same lateral side of the assembly wall as a base extension tab.

9. (Original) The fastener in claim 7, wherein the fastening aperture engaging portion is configured to apply structural support in the plane of the wall of the first assembly element on an opposing lateral side of the assembly wall of the first element as the base extension tab

10. (Withdrawn) The fastener in claim 1, wherein the base tab extension is configured with a contour corresponding to the fastening aperture.

11. (Withdrawn) The fastener in claim 10, wherein the fastener is configured so that the fastener is rotated prior to establishing contact areas with the housing.

12. (Currently Amended) A housing end cover fastening assembly comprising:

- a housing end cover;
- a housing;
- a plurality of Z-type fasteners ~~further~~ each comprising a base extension tab having an interior pressure application surface, a fastening aperture pressure application ~~edge~~ side plane, and an extension body having an exterior pressure application surface, wherein the extension body that extends in a lateral direction opposite that of the base extension tab, the fastening aperture pressure application side plane faces in the direction in which the extension body extends, and ~~, wherein~~ the extension body is configured to accept a securing body that extends through the housing end cover securing the housing end cover to the housing.

13. (Currently Amended) The housing end cover fastening assembly of claim 12, wherein the housing is a cylindrical tube which is structurally closed in the circumference and configured with at least ~~one~~ a pair of fastening apertures situated at an end of the cylindrical tube.

14. (Currently Amended) The housing end cover fastening assembly of claim ~~13~~ 12, wherein the ~~outer circumference of the~~ housing end cover is ~~formed to be~~ secured to the housing at the housing end by the securing body engaging with the fastener.

15. (Currently Amended) The housing end cover fastening assembly of claim 14, wherein the fastener is received through the fastening aperture in the housing and maintains a plurality of contact areas with the housing.

16. (Withdrawn) The housing cover fastening assembly of claim 15, wherein the fastener is configured to be rotated to establish the contact areas.

17. (Withdrawn) The housing cover fastening assembly of claim 16, where the securing body is configured to thread with the extension body.

18. (Withdrawn) The housing cover fastening assembly of claim 17, wherein engaging the securing body and the fastener defines a cover securing portion of the assembly between the securing body and the fastener.

19. (Withdrawn) The housing cover fastening assembly of claim 18, wherein an edge of the housing cover is disposed within the cover securing portion, and engages the securing bolt head and the fastener.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) The fastener in claim 1, wherein the Z-type fastener has a side profile shape consisting essentially of a Z-shaped side profile Z-shape.

22. (New) The fastener in claim 7, wherein the base extension tab and the extension block are configured to apply seal to the fastening aperture at the first assembly element.

23. (New) The fastener in claim 1, wherein the first assembly is a component of a motor assembly.

24. (New) The fastener in claim 12, wherein the housing end cover and the housing are components of a motor assembly.

25. (New) The fastener in claim 12, wherein the Z-type fastener is arranged at a distance away from the housing end cover, when the housing end cover is secured to the housing through the securing body.